

# COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## ***HEART DISEASE AND STROKE***

Residents of Lauderdale County suffer from an unacceptable rate of morbidity and mortality from heart disease and cerebrovascular diseases. The rate of mortality from heart disease in Lauderdale County is almost twice the national rate. Lauderdale County's cardiovascular disease death rate of 262.1 was the highest among Tennessee's ninety-five counties in 1996. Over 50 percent of all deaths in Lauderdale County are attributable to cardiovascular disease. Approximately 150 individuals die per year in Lauderdale County due to CV disease.

